



News in brief

IGNACIO

Attention: Southern Ute, Native American elders

You are invited to come and share your culture and traditional expertise with the students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. You can choose the group size you will work with. You will be compensated with a stipend. For more information, call Georgia McKinley at 970-563-0253 ext. 2701.

SunUte gym to close Jan. 27 – 28

The SunUte Community Center gym will be closed starting on Friday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. and will be closed all day Saturday, Jan. 28 due to the Butch Melton Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Thought of being a member of Tribal Council?

Attention tribal members ages 13 to 19 years of age: Are you concerned about issues facing tribal youth? Committed to make a difference in our community that will have a positive impact on the tribal youth? Then the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council may be for you. Become a leader, role model and voice for the tribal youth. For more information, contact McKean Walton at 970-563-0100 ext. 2314. Sponsored by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

Free bison meat available to tribal members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

SunUte now taking registrations for leagues

The SunUte Community Center is now taking registrations for adult basketball and women's volleyball leagues. The basketball leagues are for men's open, women's open and men's 35 and over leagues. The registration fee is \$300 per team. The deadline to register for the basketball leagues is Jan. 27. The women's volleyball league registration is \$300 per team and the deadline to register is Jan. 27. To register or if you have any questions, please contact Kayla Wing or McKean Walton at 970-563-0124 or check out the SunUte website at www.sunute.com.

Museum to host Snowdown event

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum will host a "What's in a Tale?," a storytelling and cultural craft event, on Saturday, Feb. 4 as part of Durango's annual Snowdown festivities. For more information, visit www.succm.org.

DURANGO

Information sessions for adult learners

Are you ready to earn your Bachelor's degree? Learn how at free informational sessions from Fort Lewis College. Sessions will cover opportunities for adult learners at FLC and explain how to enroll and apply for financial aid. Sessions are free and open to the public, and will be held every Wednesday at the Durango Public Library from 6 – 7 p.m., in Program Room 3. For more information, call 970-247-7670.

Legal affairs class coming to county fairgrounds

Colorado State University's La Plata County Extension will offer "Legally Secure Your Financial Future," a class designed to help evaluate and organize legal affairs related to life issues. The class consists of three sessions: organizing your important legal documents and records, advance directive and medical power of attorney, and estate planning concerning wills and trusts in Colorado. The first series will take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 26, 30, and Feb. 1 at the La Plata County Fairgrounds. The second series will take place Feb. 13, 21 and 28 at the Lavenia McCoy Public Library in Bayfield. The cost for materials is \$50 for the three sessions or \$20 for each individual class. Pre-registration is required. Ccall 970-382-6463 to register.

NEW MEXICO

2012 Gathering of Nations dates announced

The world's largest gathering of Native American and indigenous people will take place in Albuquerque between April 26 and 28. The Gathering of Nations will be held at the University of New Mexico's University Arena (known locally as "The Pit") in Albuquerque and will begin on Thursday, April 26 with registration for singers and dancers. Later that evening, the Miss Indian World competition begins at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Hard Rock Casino and Hotel – Albuquerque, just south of the Albuquerque city limits. The crowning will take place on Saturday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at "The Pit." The much-anticipated grand entry, begins at noon on Friday, April 27. For more information regarding purchasing tickets, airfare and hotel accommodations visit www.gatheringofnations.com.

Many Moons Ago



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10 Years Ago

A small herd of elk tried to decide which way to run from a helicopter being used in the annual wildlife population survey on the Southern Ute Reservation. The survey, centered mainly on the eastern half of the Southern Ute homelands, was conducted over a few weeks.

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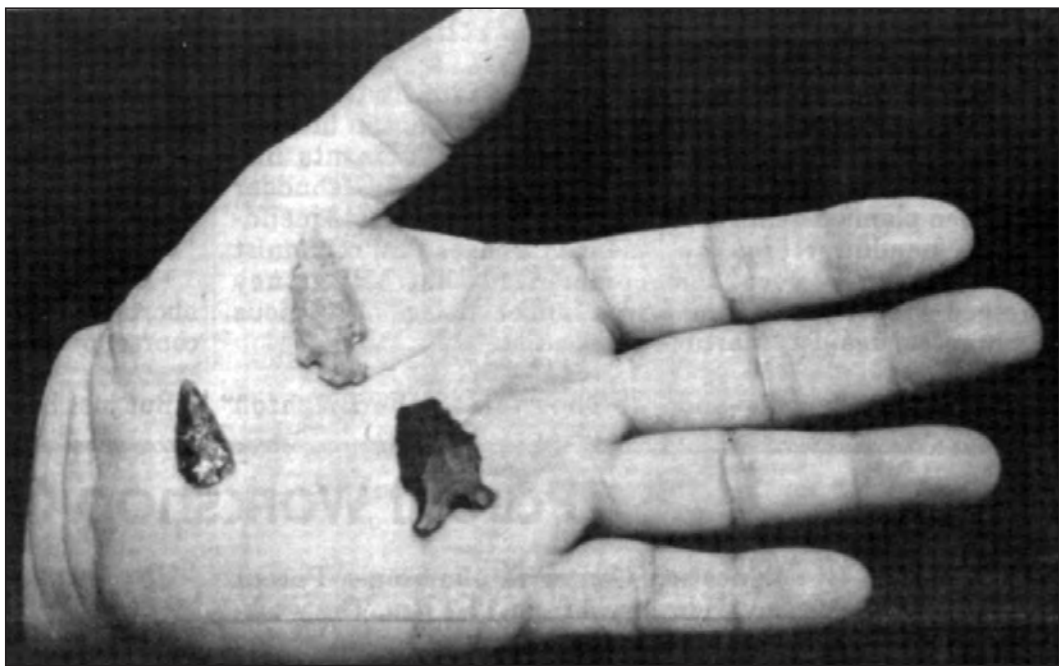


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20 Years Ago

These arrowheads, kept secure by the Natural Resources Division, were found while an archaeology crew inspected a proposed gas well site. The archaeological survey crew looked for artifacts and evidence of ancient use by humans. The crew left all but the most rare artifacts, which were turned over to the Natural Resources Division.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 27, 1992, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



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30 Years Ago

Head Start children enjoyed their noon meal at the Southern Ute Head Start Center. This photo first appeared in the Jan. 15, 1982, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

See SkyUteCasino.com for all gaming promotions & entertainment information!

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

\$112,000 Extravaganza

Sky Ute Casino is starting 2012 off with a bang so come get your share of the \$92,000 remaining in Cash and Sky Ute Loot and in the month of January!

Spin the Wheel Kiosk Game

All Bear Club members can swipe their card at the kiosk and play the New Year Extravaganza game once per week on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 12 p.m. until 9 p.m. Prizes range from entry tickets into the Saturday cash drawings up to \$100 in Sky Ute Loot!

Saturday Cash Drawings

Every Saturday in January we will hold hourly drawings from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. and you could win your share of the \$52,000 in CASH to be given away!

Must be 21 years of age or older. Must be a member of the Bear Club. Must check in at the kiosk on New Year's Eve as well as on Saturday's for drawings. Sky Ute Loot must be played off into Sky Ute Loot eligible slot machines and has no cash value. Must be present to win. Employees of Sky Ute Casino and their immediate family are not eligible for cash drawings. Management reserves the right to change or cancel this promotion at anytime without prior notice.

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